

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.J. Res. 97, Continuing Appropriations Extension.

The House passed H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act.

House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1304–1309 and S. Con. Res. 56. Page S10950

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 56, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the ceremony honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. Page S10999

Continuing Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Pages S10918–19, S10927–37

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, October 23, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Page S10947

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. Page S10947

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. Page S10947

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. Page S10947

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. Page S10947

Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. Page S10947

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. Page S10947

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Friday, October 24, 1997. Page S10947

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 23, 1997, with a cloture vote on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon.

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany U.S.-Mexico Treaty on Maritime Boundaries (Ex. F, 96th Cong., 1st Sess.) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-4). Page S10950

Report to accompany Migratory Bird Protocol with Canada and Migratory Bird Protocol with Mexico (Treaty Docs. 104-28 and 105-26) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-5). Pages S10949–50

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael A. Naranjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and

Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002.

Jeanne Givens, of Idaho, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2002.

Barbara Blum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002.

Letitia Chambers, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2000.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Richard M. McGahey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

William Dale Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10999.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic and the impact of enlargement on Department of Defense readiness, receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman, Joint

Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. Wesley K. Clark, Commander in Chief, United States European Command. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TEACHING HOSPITAL AUDITS/MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: On Tuesday, October 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the billing practices of physicians at teaching hospitals and related Medicare requirements, after receiving testimony from Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, and Barbara Wynn, Director, Plan and Provider Purchasing Policy Group, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jordan J. Cohen, Association of American Medical Colleges, Washington, D.C.; C. McCollister Evarts, PennState Geisinger Health System/Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, University Park.

Also, subcommittee concluded hearings on a legislative proposal to increase funding for medical research and provide a 5 year extension of exclusivity for certain pharmaceutical products, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Perry, Alliance for Aging, and James Love, Center for Study of Responsive Law, both of Washington, D.C.; Gina Cioffi, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Brooklyn, New York; Scott Hallquist, Immunex International, Inc., Seattle, Washington; and Kenneth Clarkson, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

YEAR 2000 LIABILITY AND DISCLOSURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology held hearings to examine potential litigation which may result from the Year 2000 computer problem and its impact on the financial services industry, and proposed legislation to require United States corporations to fully disclose all information concerning their Year 2000 remediation efforts and potential liabilities, receiving testimony from Brian Lane, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Jeff Jinnett, LeBoeuf Computing Technologies, New York, New York; Dana D. McDaniel, Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins, Richmond, Virginia; Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert B. Austrian, NationsBanc Montgomery Securities Inc., San Francisco, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.